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To the Health Committee of the Urban District of Milnrow

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour of presenting my thirtyfifth Annual Report of the District of Milnrow and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed:-

Population

The estimated population of the district for 1963 is 8,310 with an acreage of 5,194.

The rateable value of the district is £246,343 and the sum represented by the penny rate is £399.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wool trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

Vital Statistics

Mortality rates per 1,000 population

Total (all forms)	16.4
Respiratory Tuberculosis	Nil
Malignant neoplasms	1.44
Live birth rates per 1,000 population	20.8
Still births per 1,000 total births	12.9
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	Nil
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	13.1
Neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	13.1
Early neo-mortality rate per 1,000 live births	13.1
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	25.8

	M	F	Total
Live births	81	70	151
Legitimate	79	69	148
Illegitimate	2	1	3
Stillbirths	1	1	2
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 1 year	-	2	2
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	2	2
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks	-	2	2
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths of infants under 1 week	-	2	2
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Rates per 1,000 of Population

Year	Live Births		Deaths (All Causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality	
	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Total births	No. of deaths Reg.	Rate per 1000 live births
1963	153	18.4	139	16.4	2	12.9	Nil	Nil	6	13.1
1962	118	14.6	135	17.0	2	16.7	Nil	Nil	8	25.4
Prev. year										
Diff.	+35	+3.8	+4	-0.6	-	-3.8	-	-	-2	-12.3

Vital Statistics 1944 - 1963

Year	Population Estimated to Middle of Each Year	Births		Deaths		Infantile Deaths		Maternal Mortality	
		No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
1944	7661	129	16.8	97	12.6	2	15.5	1	7.75
1945	7671	131	17.0	111	14.4	9	68	Nil	
1946	8134	147	18.0	105	12.9	6	40	Nil	
1947	8290	166	20.0	112	13.5	5	50	Nil	
1948	8418	145	17.2	117	13.2	9	62	1	6.66
1949	8514	146	17.1	128	14.3	6	43	1	6.80
1950	8596	134	15.6	126	14.7	3	15	Nil	
1951	8557	142	16.6	123	14.4	5	35	Nil	
1952	8578	137	15.7	128	14.0	6	44	1	7.19
1953	8535	134	15.3	90	9.9	2	15	Nil	
1954	8540	100	11.9	117	13.2	1	10	Nil	
1955	8500	126	15.1	129	14.6	2	16	Nil	
1956	8460	88	10.4	129	15.2	3	34	Nil	
1957	8410	124	14.9	100	12.4	Nil	Nil	Nil	
1958	8360	125	15.1	108	13.3	7	5.6	Nil	
1959	8380	122	14.7	126	15.6	2	16.4	Nil	
1960	8380	102	12.2	97	12.1	4	39.2	Nil	
1961	8110	119	14.8	132	16.9	5	42	Nil	
1962	7819	118	14.6	135	17.0	8	25.4	Nil	
1963	8310	153	18.4	139	16.4	6	13.1	Nil	

Comparison with England and Wales

	England and Wales	Milnrow
Birth rate	18.2	18.4
Death rate	12.2	16.4
Maternal Mortality rate	0.28	Nil
Infantile Mortality rate	20.9	13.1

Causes of Death during the year 1963

1	Tuberculosis Respiratory	...	...	...	-
2	"    other	...	...	...	-
3	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	-
4	Diphtheria	...	...	...	-
5	Whooping cough	...	...	...	-
6	Meningoccal Infections	...	...	...	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-
8	Measles	...	...	...	-
9	Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	...	...	...	-
10	Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	...	...	...	-
11	"    "    Lung, Bronchus	...	...	...	1
12	"    "    Breast	...	...	...	3
13	"    "    Uterus	...	...	...	2
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	...	...	6
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...	-
16	Diabetis	...	...	...	-
17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	...	...	...	16
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	32
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	2
20	Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	31
21	Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	3
22	Influenza	...	...	...	1
23	Pneumonia	...	...	...	9
24	Bronchitis	...	...	...	19
25	Other diseases of the respiratory system	...	...	...	-
26	Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum	...	...	...	-
27	Gastritis, Enteritis, Diarrhoea	...	...	...	-
28	Nephritis & Nephrosis	...	...	...	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	-
31	Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	-
32	Other defined and ill defined Diseases	...	...	...	9
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	1
34	All other accidents	...	...	...	1
35	Suicide	...	...	...	3
36	Homicide & Operations of War	...	...	...	-

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Deaths Occurring Outside District

Place of Death	M	F	Total
Birch Hill Hospital	18	27	45
Marland Hospital	7	Nil	7
Rochdale Infirmary	3	2	5
Booth Hall Hospital	-	1	1
Oldham & District General Hospital	1	Nil	1
S. Heap & Son, Caldershaw	1	Nil	1
Crumpsall Hospital	1	Nil	1

Infant and Maternal Mortality Rate

	No. of Deaths	Rate	Increase or Decrease
Infant Mortality 1963	6	13.1	-12.3
"    "    1962	8	25.4	
Maternal Mortality 1963	Nil	Nil	
"    "    1962	Nil	Nil	

Notifiable Infectious Diseases

	Total	Under 1 yr.	1 - 2	2 - 3	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 25	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 65	65 & over	Deaths in Hospital
Scarlet Fever	3	1												
Measles	114	4	8	12	23	20	42							
Tuberculosis	1											1		

Under the National Health Service, the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic There is a maternity and Child Welfare Clinic (Consultation) open every Tuesday, 2.0. to 4.0.p.m.

Ante-Natal Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangement or 1 Wesley Street, when the clinic is open.

Midwifery Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

Home Helps The home help service is run by the Lancashire County Council, Divisional Health No. 13.

Cleansing Centre Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing Centre in Rochdale.

Immunisation Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare on the first Wednesday in every month.

Ambulance Facilities The ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Radcliffe.

Infectious Diseases The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

I am,

Yours obediently,

O.R.I. LOVE. M.D., D.P.H.,  
Medical Officer of Health.

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Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector  
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Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my nineteenth Annual Report.

Owing to the increase in meat inspection and the implementation of the Meat Inspection Regulations 1963 on the 1st October, 1963, Mr. H. Johnson was appointed as additional Public Health Inspector.

The regulations lay down the method of inspection and state that the carcass shall be marked identifying the person who made the inspection, this necessitates much more time being taken to complete meat inspection.

Although representations were made to the Minister by many bodies to allow the Local Authority to regulate the hours of slaughter, the Minister would not agree. This is to be regretted as the hours of slaughter make it necessary for inspection to be carried out at most inconvenient times and makes the times of inspection by the Public Health Inspector dependant on the whims of the trade.

It would appear that no consideration was given to the times that it may be necessary for the Public Health Inspector to carry out inspection. In view of the demand by industry for less hours it would appear that the Public Health Inspector has to work additional hours, 7 days per week.

Another feature of the regulations is the charge made for inspection, again it is quoted by the trade that they are paying for inspection, therefore the officers should inspect at their convenience.

If the meat trade, as a whole, would only organise their business, I see no reason why the hours of slaughter should not conform to the normal hours of other trades. This has been achieved in some countries.

From the 1st November, the department has taken over the administration of Standard Grants. The Council have decided to try to increase the number of Standard Grants by approaching the owners.

If the Housing Bill, now before Parliament, becomes legislation, additional powers will be given to the Local Authorities to deal with this problem.

As and from the 1st January, 1964, the department will be responsible for the inspection of all drainage work.

The Council decided to have a "Works Study" carried out on the Refuse Collection Service to investigate the best method of refuse collection and to provide an incentive bonus scheme, taking into consideration the new housing development in the district.

During the year one factory completed the electrification of the works and are now only using one boiler for heating purposes. Another factory is now using solid smokeless fuel.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their help and consideration in the exercise of my duties, also to Mr. Johnson for his loyal co-operation since his appointment.

I am,  
Yours faithfully,  
H. NUNN.  
Public Health Inspector.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Housing

Number of houses erected during the year	
By other bodies	109
By Local Authority	Nil

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	114
Number of inspections made for the purpose	209
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state as to be dangerous or injurious to health	2
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred to under preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	43

Remedy of defects during the year without the service of formal notice

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers	32
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Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Act.	
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	7
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice	
(a) by owner	7
(b) by Local Authority in default of owner	Nil

Proceedings under Section 16 & 17 Housing Act, 1957

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	Nil

Proceedings under Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	2
Number of dwellinghouses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	2

Housing Act, 1947, Part II - Overcrowding

Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	Nil
Number of families dwelling therein	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during year	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	Nil

Houses in the district and their sanitary Conditions

Houses	3196
Farms	73
Shops with dwelling accommodation	98
Factories, workshops, lock-up shops, etc.	90
Houses, back to back	146
Pail closets	142
Waste water closets	27
Water closets	3315
Ashbins	3322

<u>Council Houses</u>	<u>Pre-War</u>	<u>Post War</u>
4 Bedroom houses	4	Nil
3 " "	390	118
2 " "	122	116
1 Bedroom bungalows	12	34
2 " "	Nil	18
1 Bedroom flats	Nil	18
2 " "	Nil	18
Single Person flats	Nil	18
Prefabricated bungalows	Nil	Nil
	<u>528</u>	<u>340</u>
Total	<u>868</u>	

#### IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	<u>Housing Act 1949</u>		<u>House Purchase &amp; Housing Act, 1959</u>	
	<u>Discretionary Grants</u>		<u>Standard Grants</u>	
	<u>No. of Schemes</u>	<u>No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected</u>	<u>No. of Schemes</u>	<u>No. of dwelling houses or buildings affected</u>
<u>Action during year</u>				
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	Nil	Nil	67	67
(b) Approved by Local Authority	Nil	Nil	67	67
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(d) Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(e) Work completed	Nil	Nil	61	61

#### Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale & Oldham Corporations. The statutory water undertaking being Rochdale. The water is from the Moorland gathering grounds. Of the 3367 houses of the district, 3182 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the outer fringe where there are no water mains and are farm houses and small hamlets. The supplies being from private wells and springs.

#### Sampling

During the year, 1 sample was taken for bacteriological examination and proved to be satisfactory.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

#### Sewage Disposal

Most of the district is sewered and the sewage treated at the sewage works situate at Uncouth.

The number of pail closets in the district is now 142. The night soil is collected with a gully emptier fitted with night soil attachment and disposed of by discharging into the sewer for treatment at the sewage works.

Public Cleansing  
Domestic Refuse

The cleansing service is operated by one  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cub.yard side loading and one 11-15 cub.yard "Bantam" Karrier packer refuse collection vehicles staffed by two drivers and 6 men.

The refuse is emptied from 3322 ashbins.

The collection has been a weekly collection with the exception of holiday periods.

The refuse collection vehicles covered 7162 miles and collected 1478 loads.

The reduction in mileage and number of loads collected is due to the new packer vehicle.

Disposal

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The 1478 loads of refuse were disposed of, the refuse has been levelled, covered and consolidated with the mechanical shovel and there has not been any nuisance created.

Dustbins

The providing of dustbins under the municipal bin scheme is still working very satisfactorily and during the year 169 ashbins have been renewed and 137 new ashbins provided.

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Rag Flock & Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

One factory has been granted a renewal of licence to manufacture and store rag flock.

Clean Air Act, 1956

16 visits have been made to business premises regarding the provision of the Clean Air Act.

The chimneys are kept under observation and efforts made to control the emission of smoke.

Rodent Control

	<u>Type of Property.</u>			
	<u>Dwelling houses</u>	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Business Premises</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>
No. of properties inspected	139	1	70	11
Total inspections carried out (including re-inspections)	268	3	80	11
No. of properties inspected which were infested by				
Rats	20	Nil	2	Nil
Mice	5	Nil	1	Nil
No. of infested properties treated	25	Nil	3	Nil

A test baiting of the sewers was made during the year. 32 manholes were baited and 2 takes recorded. The sections infested were treated. The rat population in the sewers appears to be very low.

### Factories

There are 45 factories in the district made up as follows:-

Bakers	5
Bleaching & Dyeing	3
Brickworks	1
Cotton Spinning	6
Cotton Waste Spinning	2
Engineering	4
Hemming and Packing Blankets	1
Joiners	4
Laundry	1
Motor repair garages	4
Non Ferrous Foundry	1
Paper tube manufacturers	1
Portable Buildings	1
Slaughterhouses	4
Slipper inner sole manufacturers	1
Spring makers	2
Surgical Cotton manufacturers	1
Television Assembly	1
Waste Recovery	1
Woodwork machinists	1
Wool sorter	1

### Schools

There are 5 schools in the district, of these 4 have fresh water closets and 1 pail closets. There is no sewer available for the school with pail closets.

### Inspection and Supervision of Food

#### Food Shops

There are 105 Food shops; 43 visits have been made to these premises; 24 of these visits were made under the Food Hygiene Regulations 1958.

#### Food Premises

Type of Business	No.
Bakers and Confectioners	10
Butchers	10
Fried Fish & Chip	5
Greengrocers	7
Grocery & Provisions	31
Sweets & Soft Drinks	4
Restaurants, canteens and snack bars	13
Licensed premises - Public Houses	18
Clubs	8

### Inspection of Meat and Other Foods

#### Slaughterhouses

There are 4 slaughterhouses in operation in the district of which 3 are being used by wholesale butchers.

From the statistics it will be seen that the number of animals killed has greatly increased and the inspection of meat is taking the major portion of Mr. Johnson's time.

It will be appreciated that practically the whole of the meat from these slaughterhouses is exported to other districts.

During the year 1259 visits have been made to slaughterhouses.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	2751	3645	258	16476	377
Number inspected	2702	3559	255	16220	368
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	1	8	5	4	Nil
Carcases of which some part or Organ was condemned	143	628	-	8	5
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	5.32%	17.87%	1.96%	0.07%	1.35%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Cystecercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalized and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The total weight of carcass meat and organs condemned -

5 tons, 2 cwts., 7 st, 2 lbs.

Other foods inspected and condemned:-

1 tin Pork	4 lbs
1 " Ham	11 "
7 x 6lb. tins	
Corned Beef	42 "
1 tin Lambs	
Liver	10 "
<u>67</u>	"

Milk Sampling

Schools and Day Nursery

All milk to schools is Pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

The nursery also uses Pasteurised milk.

	No. taken	Phosphatase test		Methylene Blue test	
		S	N.S	S	N.S
Schools	6	6	-	6	-
Day Nursery	3	3	-	3	-

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Sampling

The Lancashire County Council are the Food and Drugs Authority and carry out this work. The following information has been supplied by them.

A total of 43 samples was obtained, consisting of 30 samples of milk and 13 others comprising:-

- 1 Bread
- 1 Cake decorations
- 1 Blackcurrant health drink with Vitamin C
- 1 Cough mixture
- 2 Meat and potato pies
- 1 Bacon
- 1 Flavouring material
- 1 Castor oil
- 1 Laxative
- 2 Fresh fruit
- 1 Linctus

I give below details of one sample upon which the County Analyst gave an adverse report:-

<u>Type of Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
1 Meat and potato pie	Contained one dead, unidentified moth weighing 5 mgms.	Manufacturers cautioned and complainant informed.

#### Shops Act, 1950

There are 112 shops, 18 Public Houses, 7 Clubs and 2 Off Licences. 19 Visits have been made regarding ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences.

<u>Type of business</u>	<u>Number</u>
Boot and Shoe	4
Butchers	10
Chemists	1
Confectioners	10
Cycle Accessories	1
Drapers	7
Drug Store	1
Electrical Goods	2
Fancy Goods	1
Fried Fish & Chip	5
Gowns	1
Greengrocery and Fish	7
Grocery and Provisions	31
Hairdressers	11
Hardware	4
Herbalist	1
Newsagents	8
Paint and Wallpaper	2
Pet Food and Gardening Equipment	1
Sweets and Tobacco	4
	<u>112</u>

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Inspection of dwellinghouses	114
Reinspection of dwellinghouses	95
Visits re Shops Act	19
Inspection of Bakehouses	7
"    " Fried Fish & Chip Shops	6
"    " Butchers	9
"    " Canteens	1
"    " Clubs	3
"    " Licensed Premises	2
"    " Factories	40
"    " Schools	9
"    " Day Nurseries	5
Visits re Clean Air Act	16
Inspection of drainage	16
Visits to Tips	242
"    " re applications for Council houses	8
"    " re water supplies	19
"    " to farms	11
"    " re Rodent Control	55
"    " re Unsound Food	11
"    " to Slaughterhouses	1259
"    " re Ice Cream	1
"    " re Food Hygiene Regulations	24
"    " re Waste Food Order	6
Smoke Observations	1
Visits re Caravans	14
"    " re Standard Grants	3
"    " re Accumulation of rubbish	11
"    " re Refuse Collection	16
"    " not inspections	95
Miscellaneous visits	101
	2219

SUMMARY OF NUISANCES & DEFECTS REMEDIED

Roofs repaired	3
W.C. chamber doors repaired	3
W.C. cisterns repaired	5
W.C. chamber roofs repaired	1
Connection between W.C. pedestal and drain repaired	1
Broken W.C. seats renewed	2
W. C. pedestal renewed	1
Burst water service to W.C. cistern repaired	1
Percolations	8
Choked drains released	6
Doors repaired	2
Choked sink waste pipe released	1
Sink waste pipe repaired	1
Burning of rubbish	1
Dampness	2
Eavesgutter repaired	1
Cesspool emptied	1
Drain repaired	1
Ashbins renewed	169
"    " provided	137
Sanitary pails renewed	1
	348

